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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Katie
4 Bell Jackson-Booker who passed away on March 22, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Katie Jackson-Booker was born on September 7,
6 1941, in Natchez, Mississippi, to Charles and Mary Russell
7 Green; she spent her early years in Mississippi and attended
8 Mississippi Valley State and Alcorn University; she married
9 Fred Jackson Jr. in June 1958 and the family moved to Dixmoor
10 in September of 1962; her first union did not work out and in
11 December 1978 she married Melvin Booker; and

12 WHEREAS, Katie Jackson-Booker spent over 37 years working
13 for the Cook County Health Systems; she retired in 2010 having
14 achieved the position of hospital health administrator; after
15 retirement, she continued to work with civic organizations such
16 as Roseland Cease Fire, Chicago Public Schools Safe Passage
17 program, and Nehemiah Restoration Coalition; and

18 WHEREAS, Katie Jackson-Booker had a long history of
19 dedicated community service; she was active with groups such as
20 PLO, Lunch Moms, Cub Scouts, and Dixmoor Little League; she
21 served as president of the local American Federation of State,
22 County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) council at Oak Forest

1 Hospital; she became an active member of the Thornton Township
2 Regular Democratic Organization and participated in its annual
3 Thanksgiving dinner each year; in 2011, she was named one of
4 their "Women of the Year" along with other such distinguished
5 women including Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Cook County
6 Commissioner Deborah Simms; and

7 WHEREAS, Katie Jackson-Booker was elected to the board of
8 education for West Harvey-Dixmoor School District 147 and
9 served for over 40 years; she was also a trustee for South
10 Suburban College District 510 for the last 19 years; she was
11 deeply committed to public education and served as chair of the
12 Black Caucus of the National School Board Association; she was
13 an active member of the National Association of Black School
14 Educators and the Illinois and National School Board
15 Associations; and

16 WHEREAS, Katie Jackson-Booker was affectionately known as
17 "Momma B" or "Ma Booker"; she was a gifted chef, loved to
18 travel, and was an inaugural member of St. Marks Missionary
19 Baptist Church; she received numerous awards and recognitions
20 throughout her life including having Vail Street in Harvey
21 renamed in her honor in 2012 and being named an Eastern Star
22 member of the St. John Lodge Queen of Sheba Chapter; and

23 WHEREAS, Katie Jackson-Booker was preceded in death by her

1 father, Charles Green; her mother, Mary Savier; her son, Kelvin
2 Trent; her husband, Melvin Booker; her extended family of
3 Jackie Harris, Allison Hall, and Robert Jones; her
4 granddaughter, Salissa; and her cousin, Maurice Stewart; and

5 WHEREAS, Katie Jackson-Booker is survived by her children,
6 Bobby (Renita), Gregory (Sharon), Marrison (Benard), Reginald
7 (Barbara), Melvin Leander, and Sheila (aka Diane) O'Bryant; her
8 grandchildren, Tiffane (Kelly), Justin, Imani, Christopher,
9 DeAndrea, John, Makayla, Marna, Megan, Matthew, Chalessa,
10 Michela, Charles, and Derrick; her great-grandchildren,
11 Kameron, Katelyn, Kelly Jr., and Khalila; and her extended
12 family, Makayla, Velma (aka Rose) Jackson, Gladyse (Bernard)
13 Taylor, Michael, Steven, and Robbyn Hall, DeLeon (Leshia)
14 Duckworth, Mary (Kaiser) Wright, Della Patterson, Dorothy
15 Jones, Clara Henry, Maurice Ricardo, and Effrem Contrel
16 Stewart; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we mourn the passing of Katie Jackson-Booker, and we extend our
20 sincere condolences to her family, friends and all who knew and
21 loved her; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to the family of Katie Jackson-Booker as an

1 expression of our deepest sympathy.